

Cook's Ferry Band Policy

Services Relating to Funerals

For On and Off reserve band members

Band involvement in assisting families with funerals begins when the Executor of an estate or the family appointed representative contacts the Social Development coordinator and advises that a death has taken place. The Social Development coordinator will then provide the family representative with the attached outline of services that the band can provide to assist the family in conducting the funeral.

1. The band will pay basic funeral costs, embalming and/or cremation costs, death certificate costs and basic funeral home costs according to AANDC guidelines for these services if the family requires assistance. Costs above or beyond the basic allowances are the responsibility of the family.
2. Casket expenses will be paid, after any AANDC contributions, up to a maximum of \$2000.00. Receipt must be submitted.
3. A contribution up to a maximum of \$500.00 for the purchase of a Headstone. The headstone must be permanent, ie: stone or granite. Payment will be issued after submission of purchase receipt.
4. The band will issue the executor or family appointed representative a cheque in the amount of \$500.00 for providing food at the preliminary wake and for the funeral meal.
5. The band will provide up to \$200.00 for a casket cover or top box.
6. The band will assist the family in designing and copying a funeral program or pamphlet if required.
7. The band office will post funeral notices on band bulletin boards and will undertake to circulate notices to neighboring bands by fax.
8. The gym and kitchen may be booked, free of charge, for the day of the funeral service by the executor or family appointed representative. Funerals will take precedence over other events.
9. In the event that a band member has no living relatives at the time of the member's death, the band will arrange all funeral requirements and be responsible for the costs.
10. The executor or family representative will provide the band membership clerk a copy of the death certificate.
11. These policies may be amended by Chief and Council.